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NOTE: Each school receiving funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must develop a written school-parent compact jointly with parents for all children participating in Title I, Part A activities, services and programs. That compact is part of the school's written parental involvement policy developed by the school and parents under section 1118(b) of the ESEA. The compact must outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve Arkansas's high standards.

School-Parent Compact

Northridge Middle School and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education ACT (ESEA) agree this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve Arkansas's high standards. This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2022-2023 school year.

School Responsibilities

Northridge Middle School will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet Arkansas's student academic achievement standards as follows:
 - <u>Content</u> Learners construct or build knowledge through processes that include conceptual engagement, organizing knowledge and metacognition.
 - <u>Process</u> Explicit Instruction Model: Explain, Model, Guided Practice, Independent Practice, Apply, Create and Share
 - <u>Content</u> Comprehensive Literacy (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), Standards-Based Math (CMP3 & Desmos), Inquiry-Based Science (Project Lead the Way)

Providing an effective learning environment for all students through modeling and motivation by means of thoughtful and deliberate instructional techniques designed to challenge and foster each student's potential.

- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:
 - October 13 and 15 (3:30 PM-6:30 PM)
 - March 16 and 18 (3:30 PM-6:30 PM)

3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Progress Reports	September 15	November 17	February 9	April 27
End of Quarter	October 20	January 13	March 17	June 1
Report Card Distribution	October 20	January 20	March 17	June 1

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

Northridge Middle School believes a successful partnership with parents is the key to student success. Teachers will communicate regularly with parents concerning classroom goals and activities, as well as individual information on student progress. If a situation arises which requires the immediate attention of the student's teacher or principal, parents may call the school to schedule a conference or contact the teacher via email.

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class and to observe classroom activities, as follows (but not limited to):

Parent Engagement Activities				
Schedule Pickup & Open House	August 15 Last Name A-J @ 5:00 (6th) & 5:30 (7th+8th) Last Name K-Z @ 6:15 (6th) & 7:15 (7th+8th)			
Book Fairs	<u>Fall</u> : October 10-14 <u>Spring</u> : March 13-17			
Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-6:30)	<u>Fall</u> : October 18 & 20 <u>Spring</u> : March 14 & 16			
1st Semester Parent Engagement Committee Meetings	September 20 & November 16			
Principal's Title I Report to the Public	October 18 @ 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM			
2nd Semester Parent Engagement Committee Meetings	February 21 & April 18			
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 1-5			
Student Awards	May 24			
PTA Meetings				

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Making sure our children attend school regularly by making attendance a priority.
- Making sure our children are prepared for class by arriving on time with the materials needed for the day.
- Making sure our children start the day in a positive way and are well rested and ready to learn
- Making sure our children eat breakfast, whether at home or at school. If at school, making sure children arrives to school on time to eat breakfast. VBSD provides a free breakfast for all students.
- Actively reading nightly with our children for 30 minutes and checking for books that they are reading.
- Checking in with our children nightly about homework and being an active participant in completing homework.
- Keeping the lines of communication open with teachers and staff to ensure that my children receive the best education possible; read and respond to all notices.
- Supporting the goals of the school and participating as much as possible in the decision making process related to our children's education.
- Volunteering when needed and supporting school functions.

Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve Arkansas's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Be at school, ready to learn with all materials on time each day.
- Be a good role model by being friendly and helping others; being respectful to others, self, and environment.
- Try our best each day and be prepared for class by completing all homework, including independent reading time.
- Give notes and newsletters to parents about school events.
- Accept responsibility for our own behavior as well as follow directions the first time they're given.

Please sign and return to your child's homeroom to	eacher. Thank you.
	Student Signature
	Parent Signature
	Teacher Signature